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South Vietnam: The Viet Cong have been given
light antiaircraft artillery by Communist China, [redacted]

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[redacted] a Viet Cong official in
the southwestern coastal province of Kien Giang,
adjacent to Cambodia, announced to local inhabitants
on 8 October that the Chinese had supplied the guer-
rillas with 42 such weapons. [redacted]

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US military authorities in South Vietnam believe
it possible that a few such weapons have been brought
into the county, conceivably by water. Confirmation
of their presence would indicate a major improve-
ment in Communist logistics.

The 37-mm. guns would be effective against US
helicopters and the low-flying aircraft utilized by
the Republic of Vietnam forces. [redacted]

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Czechoslovakia: (Czechoslovak leader Novotny may be forced out of his pre-eminent position within the next few months.)

(Former Interior Minister Rudolf Barak, who was imprisoned by Novotny in early 1962, reportedly is to be released no later than next spring and given a ministerial post.)

(Although Barak was imprisoned on charges of embezzlement, he was accused by Novotny of an attempt to usurp power. Novotny has publicly reiterated several times in the past months that he stood by his original condemnation of Barak.)

(Thus, the reinstatement of Barak would indicate that liberal elements in the Czechoslovak party, perhaps with the backing of Moscow, had been able to force this upon Novotny. Novotny's recent measures to appease the liberals in their drive for more than limited de-Stalinization in Czechoslovakia have apparently served only to reinforce their determination to bring about greater changes.)

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Kenya: (Britain's delay in imposing a solution to Kenya's constitutional dispute may be dissipating a large measure of the good will built up with Prime Minister Kenyatta's majority party since it came to power in June.)

(Kenyatta and his associates are reported to be furious over Colonial Secretary Sandys' unwillingness to endorse their demands for a stronger central government and to bring the three-week-old constitutional conference to a close. Sandys has been unsuccessfully attempting to persuade representatives of the small tribes to accept changes in the hope of achieving a compromise.)

(Instigated by Kenyatta, party leaders in Nairobi have demanded that Kenyatta leave the talks and proclaim Kenya independent on 20 October. While this appears to be a pressure tactic, it may reflect the Kenyans' dismay at what they consider excessive British deference to a dwindling opposition party. [redacted])

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USSR: SELECTED PRODUCTION

	1962		1963		1963	1963
	3rd Quarter (Quantity)	(Percentage Increase)	3rd Quarter (Quantity)	(Percentage Increase)	Mid Year (Percentage Increase)	Plan (Percentage Increase)
Chemical Fertilizer (Million Metric Tons)	12.5	11	14.2	13.6	13	16
Pig Iron (Million Metric Tons)	40.9	9	43.6	6.6	6	7
Steel (Million Metric Tons)	56.5	8	59.6	5.4	5	5
Oil (Million Metric Tons)	137	12	151.9	11	11	10
Electric Power (Billion Kilowatt Hrs.)	237	13	268	13	13	11

Gross Output		9.5		8.7	8.5	8
Labor Productivity		6		6	6	5.6
Chemical Industry		17		17	17	17
Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metallurgy		9		9	9	-

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NOTES

USSR: The third-quarter Soviet economic report shows little change in tempo for most industries and does not yet reflect the crash program for chemicals Khrushchev is publicizing. The reported increase in gross output of industry--8.7 percent--is about the same as at midyear, as is a labor productivity increase of 6 percent, but productivity is still behind plan. Though plans in the chemical industry are not being met, the production increases for the industry continue to be considerably higher than for most other major sectors, including iron and steel.

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Cyprus: Intercommunal tension on Cyprus has spread to the Turkish and Greek military contingents stationed on the island. After Greek Cypriot officials, probably looking for smuggled arms, searched the baggage of two prominent Turkish travelers claiming diplomatic immunity, the Greek contingent was put on a night alert on 15 October.

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